

HB 1533 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 70.41.120 and 2004 c 261 s 4 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 The department shall make or cause to be made (~~at least yearly~~)
6 an inspection of all hospitals on average at least every eighteen
7 months. Every inspection of a hospital may include an inspection of
8 every part of the premises. The department may make an examination of
9 all phases of the hospital operation necessary to determine compliance
10 with the law and the standards, rules and regulations adopted
11 thereunder. Any licensee or applicant desiring to make alterations or
12 additions to its facilities or to construct new facilities shall,
13 before commencing such alteration, addition or new construction, comply
14 with the regulations prescribed by the department.

15 No hospital licensed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter
16 shall be required to be inspected or licensed under other state laws or
17 rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, or local ordinances,
18 relative to hotels, restaurants, lodging houses, boarding houses,
19 places of refreshment, nursing homes, maternity homes, or psychiatric
20 hospitals.

21 To avoid unnecessary duplication in inspections, the department
22 shall coordinate with the department of social and health services, the
23 office of the state fire marshal, and local agencies when inspecting
24 facilities over which each agency has jurisdiction, the facilities
25 including but not necessarily being limited to hospitals with both
26 acute care and skilled nursing or psychiatric nursing functions. The
27 department shall notify the office of the state fire marshal and the
28 relevant local agency at least four weeks prior to any inspection
29 conducted under this section and invite their attendance at the

1 inspection, and shall provide a copy of its inspection report to each
2 agency upon completion.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.41.122 and 1999 c 41 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 ~~((Notwithstanding RCW 70.41.120, a hospital accredited))~~ Surveys
6 conducted by the joint commission on the accreditation of health care
7 organizations or the American osteopathic association ~~((is not subject~~
8 ~~to the annual inspection provided for))~~ on hospitals accredited by
9 those bodies shall be deemed equivalent to a department survey for
10 purposes of meeting the requirements for the survey specified in RCW
11 70.41.120 if((÷

12 ~~(1))~~ the department determines that the applicable survey
13 standards of the joint commission on the accreditation of health care
14 organizations or the American osteopathic association are substantially
15 equivalent to its own((÷

16 ~~(2) It has been inspected by the joint commission on the~~
17 ~~accreditation of health care organizations or the American osteopathic~~
18 ~~association within the previous twelve months; and~~

19 ~~(3) The department receives directly from the joint commission on~~
20 ~~the accreditation of health care organizations, the American~~
21 ~~osteopathic association, or the hospital itself copies of the survey~~
22 ~~reports prepared by the joint commission on the accreditation of health~~
23 ~~care organizations or the American osteopathic association~~
24 ~~demonstrating that the hospital meets applicable standards)).~~

25 (1) Hospitals so surveyed shall provide to the department within
26 thirty days of learning the result of a survey documentary evidence
27 that the hospital has been certified as a result of a survey and the
28 date of the survey.

29 (2) Hospitals shall make available to department surveyors the
30 written reports of such surveys during department surveys, upon
31 request."

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1 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "hospitals;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 70.41.120 and
3 70.41.122."

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